

Peacham

James I. Allen was home from his school at East Woodbury over Sunday.

William Allen and Moody Quinby have returned home from a two weeks' visit in Portland, Me. and Boston, where they visited at Harry Quinby's over Christmas and New Year's.

Robert Craig and John Chandler have been sick with the grip the past week.

The East Peacham Whist Club met Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blair to watch the old year out and the new year in. Mrs. James Stevenson won first prize and Mrs. George Smith second. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. William Cheever of Danville visited her sister, Mrs. G. E. Farrington, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Moore and family were at McIndoe's New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Halcrow, gave a party New Year's to old friends and neighbors to the number of about 25. An oyster supper and other refreshments were served.

Miss Stella Wilson visited her friend Miss Sara Halcrow over Sunday.

Mrs. Dan. Morrison of Barnet was a visitor at Lewis Douse's last week. Mrs. Lewis Dana and son Charles of St. Johnsbury visited at James Young's last week.

Mrs. Phebe Young and Ella McCoo visited at Gorton last week. Charles Kinsner is pressing his hay at his farm. Mr. Orr is doing the work.

School at the academy reopened Monday. Miss Richardson, the assistant teacher came Saturday.

Miss Maude Chaffee of Morrisville visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Chaffee part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guthrie went to Walden Friday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Flora Bickford and Miss Prentiss have gone south for the winter.

Rev. Mr. La Pere of St. Johnsbury spoke at the M. E. Church, Sunday.

WELLS RIVER

Miss Lottie Munsell has returned to Concord to resume her duties as assistant principal in the school there.

Misses Nellie Bailey, Isabelle Field and Mabel Miller returned to Middlebury College Monday. Henry Munsell to Northfield, Dumont Bailey to Lyndonville, and Russell Bailey and Scott Haselton to St. Johnsbury.

Misses Ella George and Lillian Marcy left Saturday for Providence, R. I., where they are assistants in the Institution for the Deaf.

Mrs. W. H. Goodwin was in St. Johnsbury New Year's to install the officers of the Chamberlin Relief Corps, and was the guest of Mrs. L. N. Smythe over night.

Miss Maude E. Davis was in Boston last week.

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Mr. Smilie, son of Dr. Smilie, of Montreal, has been a visitor at Dr. Lee's the past week.

Miss Tillie Jahn returned to North Ryegate Monday, having spent her vacation at the home of Dr. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Philbrook, of North Haverhill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Goodwin, Sunday.

Miss Winsome Worthen, who has had a long run of fever at Cottage Hospital, has returned home and is able to ride out.

Miss Ella Moore, of Island Pond, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Buck.

Miss Katherine Graves is home from Burlington.

W. F. Glover, union superintendent of schools, has moved his family here into A. T. Davis' tenement.

The C. E. Society held a social in the church vestry Friday evening.

LYNDON

The selectmen and an engineer of the B. & M. railroad laid out a road past Alex. Aldrich's new house last Monday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church had a sleigh ride to Herman Bradley's, New Year's day.

The Village Schools opened Monday for the winter term.

Misses Hattie and Elsie Colby returned to their schools at Beverly, Mass. last week.

Miss Verna Aldrich and her brother, Master Aldrich, returned Monday from a visit with their sister Mrs. Beatrice Kelley at Newport Center.

Dan. H. Gray of Fall River, Mass. was in town a few days last week.

Miss Annie Snow of Hartford, Me. is working at the office of the O. H. Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Will Hastie returned Wednesday from a week's visit with relatives in Barnet. Mr. Hastie also made a short visit at Peacham.

The monthly business meeting of the Epworth League, followed by a social was held at Wells Quimby's, Tuesday evening.

VERMONT NEWS

A very disastrous fire broke out in the Crippen block in Fair Haven on the morning of Dec. 26. It started in a restaurant on the second floor when a gasoline stove exploded. E. Reynolds' photographic studio on the same floor, the laundry of John H. Merchant, bakery of William H. Holway and fruit store of Augustus Duri were badly damaged. Nothing could be done to check the flames in this building, but the surrounding buildings were saved. The loss estimated at about \$8,000 is fairly well covered by insurance. The building will be rebuilt.

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Yielding to the Spoilsman

Not even the warmest friends of the Wilson administration try to defend its attitude towards the merit system and the civil service law. The looting of the diplomatic service is a shameful chapter in the record of a President who before and after his election had professed devotion to the principle of civil service reform. The attempt to shift the blame for the recall of trained men who had won their way to important positions in the foreign field, and for filling their places with inexperienced men, has failed and it was bound to fail. The secretary of state, who cares nothing for the merit system, has been busy taking care of his political friends at the expense of the government, but the looting of the diplomatic service could not have been accomplished without the consent of the President.

The civil service law has been attacked, and it is pointed out by one of the administration's strongest newspaper supporters that "it is a rare piece of important legislation that nowadays leaves Congress without some rider directed against" this measure, and that "the income tax clauses of the tariff law, the urgent deficiency bill, and the currency law all contain concessions to the spoilsman."

A post-office appropriation bill now in committee carries a rider providing for taking out of the classified service assistant postmasters of the first and second class. That these officials should be left in the competitive service, where they were placed by President Taft in 1910, goes without saying, and it is hoped that in case Congress passes the bill in its present form Mr. Wilson will use his power to defeat the purpose of the office-hunters.—Rutland Herald.

Vermont Farmers' Cooperating

Bennington county farmers have set the pace for their brethren through the State by undertaking co-operative work in a businesslike way. A year ago they organized a county league for the cooperative purchasing of some of the larger farm necessities such as fertilizer, grain and seed, and the cooperative selling of those products which are raised in quantities